

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice.

Amend claim 21 as follows:

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~~21.~~ (Amended) A hand held fly swatter apparatus

capable of being configured to capture insects alive from given surfaces to allow their subsequent disposal, the apparatus comprising:

| an elongate handle having a rear end intended to be grasped by a user, and a front end;

B | a rigid housing attached to the front end of the handle and defining an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an insect is placed within the insect trap compartment, the housing including an upper wall and interconnected side walls extending downwardly to define the compartment aperture, and a track positioned adjacent to an edge of the compartment aperture;

| a frameless planar mesh closure member supported within the track and slidable between a retracted position to permit access to the insect trap compartment through the compartment aperture, and an extended position wherein the mesh closure member covers the compartment aperture, wherein the housing and the mesh closure member, in its extended position, cooperatively provide a fly swatter; [and]

| a projection extending rearwardly from the insect trap compartment, which projection supports a portion of the track designed to support a front end portion of the mesh closure member when placed in its retracted position; and